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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure, Applicants inform the Examiner of the documents cited during prosecution of the parent application, USSN 09/666,883.

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Applicants request the Examiner to initial and return a copy of the attached PTO-1449 form to indicate that the references have been considered.

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